



NEIGHBORHOOD BUILDING BLOCKS FUND

Public Input Sought on Community Revitalization Strategies

Public invited to provide guidance to the Neighborhood Building Blocks Fund on how to most effectively target \$3.7 million in community revitalization grants

The Neighborhood Building Blocks Fund (“NBBF”) is intended to support crime reduction and neighborhood revitalization programs statewide. All persons or organizations interested in community revitalization are invited to three workshop/public comment sessions designed to provide input to the Board of the NBBF on the most effective strategies for community revitalization and the most effective uses of funding available to the NBBF.

The public sessions are scheduled for:

Tuesday, September 13, 6 – 8pm, Georgetown Public Library Public Meeting Room – Room B

123 West Pine St., Georgetown, DE, 19947

Wednesday, September 14, 6 – 8pm, DNREC Auditorium, Richardson and Robbins Building

89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901

Thursday, September 15, 6 – 8pm, West End Neighborhood House

710 N. Lincoln Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

It is anticipated that grant priority will be placed upon programs and projects that will improve the effectiveness of existing state revitalization, crime prevention, and planning initiatives. For example:

- address unmet needs of high crime areas statewide
- improve resources and opportunities for at-risk juveniles and adolescents
- increase the use of planning that incorporates crime prevention strategies
- complement projects funded by DSHA’s Strong Neighborhoods Revolving Housing Fund
- support revitalization strategies in and around Delaware’s Downtown Development Districts
- support community planning consistent with OSPC Healthy Communities principles
- support communities in DEDO’s Downtown Delaware Program

A summary of the workshops will be posted on the websites of both the Delaware Department of Justice and Delaware Economic Development Office for those who cannot attend. Written public comments are welcome, and should be submitted to Diane.Laird@state.de.us before September 25, 2016.

More information about the NBBF is available at: <http://dedo.delaware.gov/Small-Business/Downtown-Delaware>; NBBF regulations are at: <http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title1/400/479.pdf>